

IN THE _____ COURT OF _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

vs.

No. _____

**ORDER DIRECTING JUDICIAL HOSPITALIZATION AT THE
FORENSIC SERVICES UNIT UNDER T.C.A. SECTION 33-7-303(c)**

This cause was heard on _____ before the Honorable _____,
Judge of Division _____ of the _____ Court of _____
County, upon petition of _____ and
certificates of _____ and _____
under Title 33, Chapter 6, Part 5, Tennessee Code Annotated.

At the hearing, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant was examined by _____ and _____, who are
certifying professionals under T.C.A. Section 33-6-503 and who executed certificates which state that, in
their opinion, the defendant is mentally ill and, because of this illness, poses a substantial likelihood of
serious harm and is in need of care and treatment in the Forensic Services Unit at Middle Tennessee
Mental Health Institute; that the certificates were issued within three (3) days of the examination by the
certifying professionals; that the certificates were introduced; and that at least one (1) of the certifying
professionals testified on his or her findings at the hearing.

As a result of the hearing, the Court finds by clear, unequivocal and convincing evidence that the
defendant is mentally ill and, because of this illness, poses a substantial likelihood of serious harm, and
all available less drastic alternatives to commitment to a mental hospital are unsuitable. The
determination of substantial likelihood of serious harm is based on the following standards:

1.
 - A. A person has threatened or attempted suicide or to inflict serious bodily harm on himself OR
 - B. The person has threatened or attempted homicide or other violent behavior, OR
 - C. The person has placed others in reasonable fear of violent behavior and serious physical harm to them, OR
 - D. The person is unable to avoid severe impairment or injury from specific risks, AND
2. There is a substantial likelihood that such harm will occur unless the person is placed under involuntary treatment.

The Court further finds:

1. The defendant is substantially likely to injure himself or others if he is not treated in a forensic services unit, and
2. Treatment in such a unit is in the defendant best interest.

Therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. The defendant committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities at the Forensic Services Unit of Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute for treatment.

2. The Court Clerk shall provide a copy of this order to the Forensic Services Unit of Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute.
3. The Sheriff shall transport the defendant to the Forensic Services Unit of Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute.

Enter this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Approved for Entry:

Judge

Defense Attorney
Address
Phone Number

District Attorney General
Address
Phone Number